

## GRAND ARMY VETERANS MEET AT KANSAS CITY

Between 15,000 and 20,000 Civil War Survivors Attending Annual Encampment.

KANSAS CITY, August 26.—Kansas City householders welcomed into their homes today great numbers of the veterans of the civil war, here to attend the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Between 15,000 and 20,000 veterans have reached the city, and because capacity of hotels and boarding houses was taxed, and because many of the old soldiers are in moderate circumstances, the citizens were asked by the local committee to take care of as many of the visitors as they could. Besides the veterans qualified for private pensions, many were assigned to a large dining hall, fitted up with cots. Other temporary homes have been arranged.

Convention Hall, the place for the formal meetings of the veterans, has been divided into booths, in which each unit is housed. The booths are numbered. One of the booths has been turned over to the pension bureau and is under the supervision of the pension man, acting commissioner, and in questions pertaining to pensions will be referred to him.

A thousand Boy Scouts will act as guides and aids to the veterans while they are in the city. Under the direction of Dr. James H. Boyd, president of the

executive, they have been trained to serve the soldiers in every way. Special training has been given to the boys and given the youngsters.

### Call Veterans "Comrade."

"Whenever you speak to a veteran, call him 'Comrade,'" said Dr. Sowerby in his final instructions. "The word is for helping the old men." Dr. Sowerby said, "and I can imagine the stories the veterans will tell them. It will be good training for the boys and should be of great service to the men of the Grand Army."

Convention Hall has been handsomely decorated for the occasion. The first to be decorated with the Legion of Merit was Commander-in-Chief Monfort when he preside. Addressees of welcome included Governor Clegg, Major and William H. Wormsted are on the program and speeches by past commanders will follow.

Greetings will be extended to the several auxiliary bodies. Music bands and singers will form a considerable part of the ceremonies.

Many organizations will hold meetings here during the session of the G. A. R. They are: Woman Relief Corps, Land and the program of the Republic, Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, Daughters of the American Soldier, Sons of the National Association of Naval Veterans and National Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War.

## PEARY STILL BELIEVES CROCKER HAD EXISTED

### Admits Possibility of Mistake, But Wants Further Proof Before Conceding It.

NEW YORK, August 26.—Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary reiterates his confidence in the existence of Crocker Land and his belief that he saw it July, 1906. The admiral's statement telegraphed to the Tribune from his summer place in Maine, was called forth by the fact that Ensign Fitzhugh Green, the naval officer assigned to the MacMillan Crocker Land arctic expedition, made no mention of whether the expedition found Crocker Land in announcing to the Navy Department his safe arrival at Copenhagen August 1.

After quoting from his original narrative of his expedition the story of his first view of what he believed to be Crocker Land, Admiral Peary said:

"It may be that MacMillan and I were both misled by the nearly permanent clouds of condensation over persistent lanes of water. Or unusual refraction which occurs in the arctic regions may have lifted into view land that was in reality well below the horizon, and my imagination may have been misled. But the distance of Crocker Land may have been moderate. It will be well to await the completion of Stefansson's discoveries before dismissing Crocker Land."

### GUARDSMEN SWORN IN NOT SUBJECT TO STATE FEDERAL JURISDICTION SUPREME, RULE

**Judge Sater, Releasing Men Who  
Assaulted Socialist Orator.**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Judge J. E. Sater, United States district court here, has rendered a decision that "federal jurisdiction over national guardsmen serving under the new federal oath is supreme and paramount" and that "the state cannot interfere with officers and men in the military service of the government. Interference might deprive the government of the services of soldiers."

The decision was handed down upon evidence submitted in the hearings of charges of assault brought against Capt. W. G. Wulsen and Sergt. T. Doyle of the 1st Regiment, Ohio National Guard, who were alleged to have assaulted Charlie Hamilton, Socialist orator, at Hamilton, Ohio, June 22, when he made Sater consider derogatory to the National Guard.

The men were arrested while encompa-

on the statehouse lawn here, while acting in capacity of provost marshal, Judge Scafe ordered the men released. His opinion was that even temporary confinement would prevent these men from continuing their movement as United States soldiers in case the Ohio troops were ordered to the city.

Military authorities infer that the men may be tried on the charges in court, but that the military court is not yet being held has closed the case. Officers considered the ruling the most important rendered in the coordination with military service in fifty years.

**GIRL CONFESSES MURDER.**

**Clears Brother-in-Law, Who Awaited Execution for the Crime.**

**NEW YORK, August 26.**—The life of Elias Jazra, a Syrian, now in the death house at Sing Sing prison awaiting execution for the murder of Rafa Kayat, another Syrian, may be saved, it was disclosed yesterday by a confession made by a girl, who said she was the girl complain, by Nebah Ghata, a Syrian young woman, whose betrayal by Kayat led to the tragedy after he had married her.

The girl, a prisoner here charged with being an accomplice in the murder of Kayat, said that it was she and not Jazra, her brother-in-law, who killed Kayat. At the trial of Jazra last July she was aware that Jazra fired the shots, while two testified the girl fired them.

A marked decrease in crime is shown in the report of the police department of New York for the fiscal year. Serious crimes dropped from 31,759 to 24,367, crimes against persons from 2,271 to 2,377, murders from 116 to 94 and burglaries and other major crimes from 1,100 to 1,000.